

# Chemist Says Einstein Called Atom Bomb His Big Mistake

HOLLYWOOD — AP — A noted chemist, Dr. Linus Pauling of California Institute of Technology, last night quoted Albert Einstein as saying five months before his death that the one great mistake of his life was recommending that atom bombs be made.

The chemist made this disclosure in addressing a memorial program sponsored by the Southern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

## Tells Of Meeting

Pauling said he last saw Einstein November 16, 1954, when they talked about the danger to civilization of militarism and the hydrogen bomb, the difficulty of understanding American foreign policy and what Pauling called this country's failure to take positive action toward the future of peace rather than force.

Pauling stated Einstein spoke again about his deep conviction that the people of the world, in order to save the world, will have to learn how to get along with one another.

"Then Einstein said, 'I made one great mistake when I signed

the letter to President Roosevelt recommending that atom bombs be made,' " Pauling declared. "Einstein said there was some justification for his decision in the danger that the Germans would make the bomb first."

## Conquest Of War

Pauling added that Einstein felt the time had come when it was possible to solve the problem which arises between nations in a national way and he believed that the conquest of the atom would turn out to be also the conquest of war.

"Einstein was as clear headed when he thought about international affairs as when he thought about physics," Pauling said, "and I trusted his judgment far more than I trust that of even the leaders of most nations."